

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Early Learning and School Readiness Commission

FROM: Dr. Suellen Reed, Co-Chair
Mary Downes, Co-Chair

DATE: June 15, 2004

RE: Materials for June 22, 2004 ELSR Commission Meeting

Acting upon a recommendation from Indiana's Education Roundtable, Governor Joseph E. Kernan on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, signed an executive order creating a state commission for early learning and school readiness. During the signing, Governor Kernan stated, *There is no greater asset to Indiana than our children and their eagerness to learn and achieve. This new commission will help lay the groundwork for their success and will ultimately lead to additional efforts or retooled initiatives that will benefit them while they are young.* The governor also stated that such efforts to strengthen early learning also show the rest of the world that Indiana is a great place to do business, now and in the future.

As Co-Chairs of the Indiana Commission for Early Learning and School Readiness, Dr. Suellen Reed and Mary Downes look forward to meeting and working with the members of this commission.

Please find attached to this email, materials related to the agenda for the first commission meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2004 from 1:30 – 3:30 P.M. in Conference Room B/C of the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street.

We look forward to our meeting next week. Should you have any questions or find that you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Kathy Politz at 317-232-9154 / kpoltz@doe.state.in.us or Floyd Worley at 317-232-4564 / fworley@gov.state.in.us.